## Supply of Medicines and instruments to the Mattancheri Male Dispensary.

**397. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state :—(a) whether they are aware of the insufficient supply of medicines and instruments to the Mattancheri Male Dispensary ;

(b) if in the negative, will the Government be pleased to state why in more cases than one, the Sub-Assistant Surgeon asks the patients to obtain medicines under certain prescriptions from elsewhere?

**Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.**—(a) The supply of medicines and instruments is not insufficient.

(b) At times some particular drug runs out of stock or patients require a proprietory or patent medicine which are not supplied to hospitals.

**Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.**— May I know why the prescriptions of patients are given them asking them to purchase medicines from the shops ?

**Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.**—Some particular drugs may be out of stock and sometimes patients are directed to purchase some medicines. Such medicines have to be purchased.

**Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.**—It is not for patients. It is prescriptions for mixtures.

**Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.**—Sometimes a particular drug in a prescription runs out.

**Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.**—Whether the Department is aware that it is always found that there are not some medicines there?

**Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.**—Whenever the medicines run short they send an extra indent and they are supplied.

**Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.**—Whether the Department has taken any care to supply properly to the dispensary?

**Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.**—Every care is taken.

**Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.**—Why it is not stocked?

**Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.**—It is not always possible. Sometimes some drugs run out. In the best regulated families even such things happen.

**Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.**—Why not apply earlier?

**Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.**—I have already instructed the subordinates to send their extra indents before the supply runs short, so that they should not indent after the medicines are out of stock.

**Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.**—Will the Government place the Stock register on the table?

**Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.**—That can be done.

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